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Re: **This express request to immediately begin national examination procedures 35 USC 371(f).**

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For: **ATHELETIC ENDURANCE INCREASING AGENT IN FOOD**

Sir:

The following papers are enclosed for filing the above application under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- ☒ [X] A copy of International Application in Japanese
- ☒ [X] English translation of International Application
- ☒ [X] Declaration under 35 U.S.C. 371 (c) (4)
- ☒ [X] Recordation Form Cover Sheet and an Assignment of the Inventor (\$40.00 check enclosed to cover the filing fee)
- ☐ [] ___ sheets of formal/informal drawings
- ☒ [X] International Search Report in English
- ☒ [X] International Preliminary Examination Report in English
- ☒ [X] Information Disclosure Statement with PTO form 1449 and references
- ☒ [X] Preliminary Amendment
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the priority of which is hereby claimed under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 119, and the PCT implementing legislation, including 35 U.S.C. 363 and 365.

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Respectfully submitted,
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